

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☒

Property Name: Cook-Culler Farmstead Inventory Number: F-1-212
Address: Ballenger Creek Road (East Side, North of Manor Woods Road) Historic district: ☐ yes ☒ no
City: _____ Zip Code: _____ County: Frederick
USGS Quadrangle(s): Buckeystown
Property Owner: Eastalco Aluminum Company Tax Account ID Number: 005391
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 3 Tax Map Number: 94 169.17 Acs.
Project: MD 351 from End of State Maintenance to Elmer Derr Rd. Agency: Maryland State Highway Administration
Agency Prepared By: Maryland State Highway Administration
Preparer's Name: Stephanie Foell Date Prepared: 06/26/2006
Documentation is presented in: Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form for F-1-212.
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☐ Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: ☐ yes Listed: ☐ yes
Site visit by MHT Staff ☐ yes ☒ no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Description

The Cook-Culler Farmstead is an agricultural complex that developed over the course of 100 years. It is located on the east side of Ballenger Creek Road, north of Manor Woods Road in the Buckeystown vicinity of Frederick County. The property was documented on a Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties (MIHP) Form in 1993. The owner did not permit the parcel to be accessed as part of the current survey due to safety, insurance, and security reasons. Photographs were taken from public right-of-way.

The 1993 MIHP form states that the Cook-Culler Farmstead is "minimally significant for the architecture of the dwelling . . ." referring to a circa 1840 brick residence that was the core of the Cook-Culler Farmstead. However, according to a representative of the current owner, the building has been demolished and Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation records confirm this. Remaining built resources are agricultural outbuildings and include a bank barn that was likely built on the foundation of an earlier barn and now contains several concrete-block shed additions; a circa-1920 wagon shed; a circa-1940 concrete-block dairy barn and milk house; and a concrete-block garage and concrete silo that were previously identified as noncontributing resources.

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Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

MHT Comments:

Jim Taulman
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

8/4/06
Date

B. Kuntz
Reviewer, National Register Program

8/7/06
Date

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They are described on the 1993 MIHP form. The parcel currently is 169 acres in size and includes substantial agricultural fields surrounding the collection of buildings. (The property was first cited as being 175 acres in 1870 and its size has only diminished minimally in the interim.) The MIHP form cited a 10-acre parcel, which was likely intended to indicate the property containing built resources only.

Significance Evaluation

The Cook-Culler Farmstead is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Serious consideration was given to the property's potential for eligibility under Criterion A. A 1910 entry in History of Frederick County describes Mr. Culler as a "progressive" farmer who employed "scientific care" in his farming techniques. A review of agricultural journals and newspaper articles of this era did not yield any additional information on Mr. Culler's potentially advanced farming techniques. Because the residence is no longer extant and agricultural buildings from later eras diminish site's ability to convey its significance circa 1910 when it was cited for its advanced farming techniques, the Cook-Culler Farmstead is not eligible under National Register Criterion A.

Although Mr. Culler was cited in the abovementioned article, no other information about him was found in period agricultural journals. Although he was likely a well-respected farmer of merit, his association with the farmstead is not strong enough to qualify the property for eligibility under Criterion B.

The Cook-Culler Farmstead is not eligible under Criterion C. Changes to the property, including the addition of minor structures, alterations to the bank barn, and the loss of the residence, detract from the historic appearance of the farmstead. The overall appearance of the farmstead is now one of piecemeal development with buildings of various eras. While some farmsteads may include a collection of buildings from various eras that demonstrate a logical evolution of farming methods over a period of time, the buildings at the Cook-Culler Farmstead do not successfully convey changes in agricultural practices that would predicate new construction. The property no longer cohesively conveys its appearance as a significant and productive local agricultural enterprise, despite the presence of large agricultural fields that surround the built resources. The Cook-Culler Farmstead lacks integrity of design, setting, materials, association, and feeling. There are numerous other farmsteads within Frederick County that retain cohesive collections of agricultural buildings in addition to original farmhouses and display higher degrees of integrity.

The property was not evaluated under Criterion D as part of the current project.

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Eligibility recommended _____

Eligibility not recommended _____

Criteria: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G

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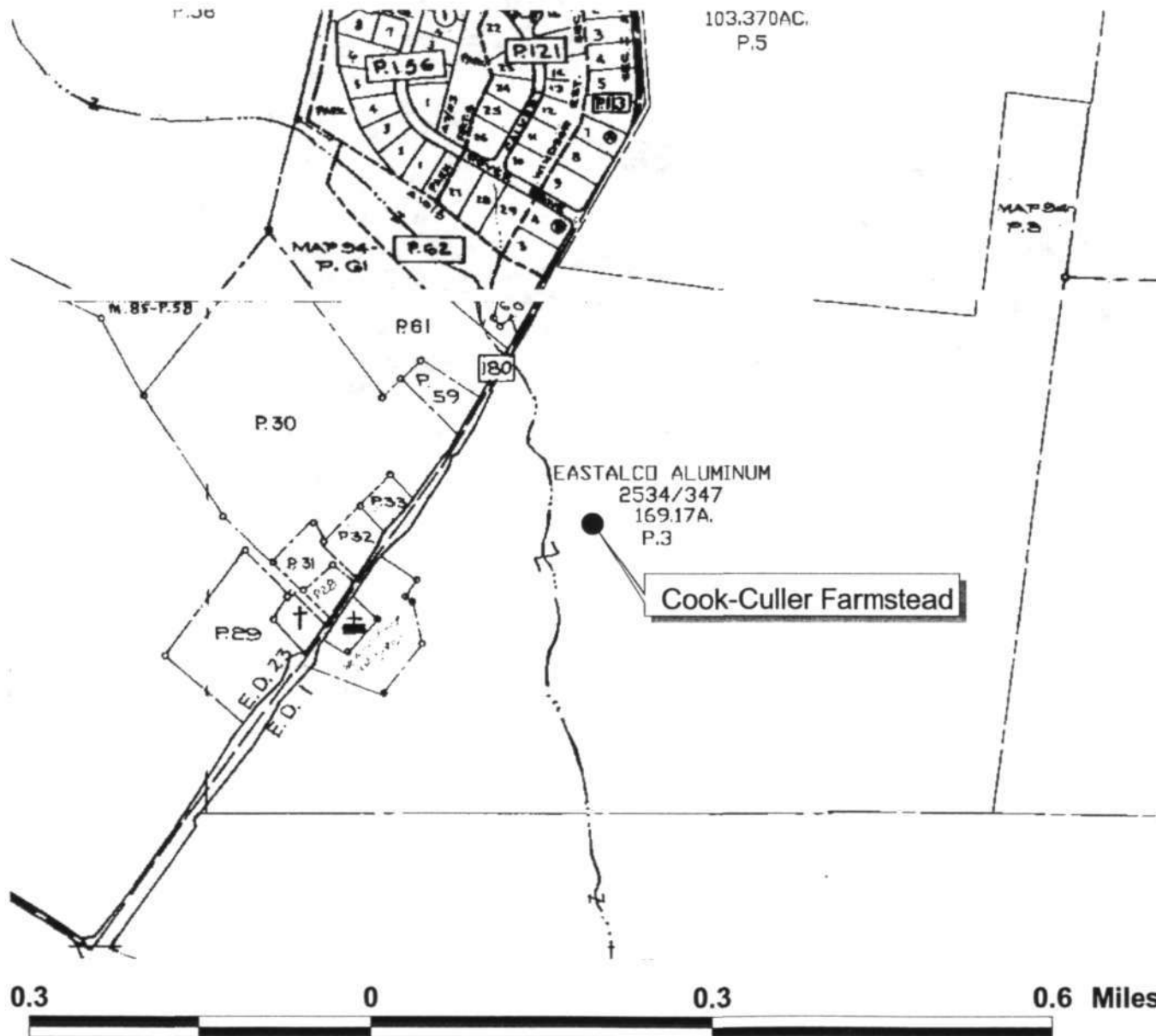
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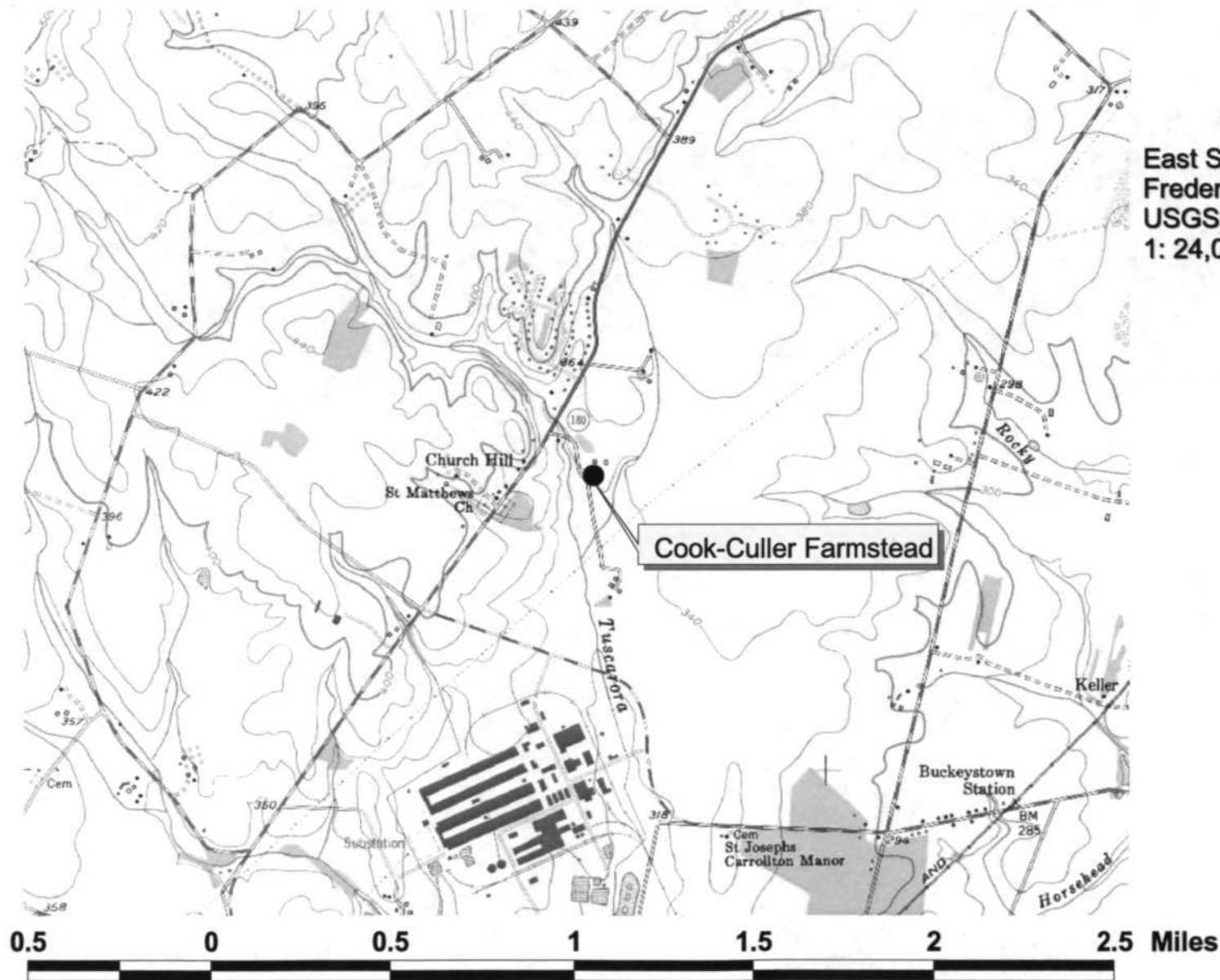
Cook-Culler Farmstead



East Side of Ballenger Creek Pike
Frederick, MD
USGS Buckeystown Quadrangle Map
Tax Map 94, Parcel 3

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Cook-Culler Farmstead



East Side of Ballenger Creek Pike
Frederick, MD
USGS Buckeystown Quadrangle Map
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Cook-Culler Farmstead

Frederick Co, MD

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View to the north

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Cook - Culver Farms lead

Frederick Co, MD

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Cook - Culler Farmstead

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View to the South

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Cook-Culler Farmstead

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View to the northeast

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View to the north

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View to the north

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CAPSULE SUMMARY

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Cook-Culler Farmstead
Adamstown vicinity
Private

Ca. 1840-1940

The Cook-Culler Farmstead is centered on a brick dwelling originally built about 1840 with major alterations in the 1950's and 1960's, and its remaining contributing outbuildings, a frame bank barn, a wagon shed, and a concrete block dairy barn and milk house. The outbuildings appear to date from the period about 1920-1940. The house is significant principally for its circa 1840's architecture, revealed in the three-bay facade with simply molded lintels and corner blocks. Its original facade had a two-story porch on the south with a center door or jib window opening on the second level. In the 1950's or 1960's remodeling, the exterior was sandblasted and the second level of the porch was removed and the original column supports were replaced by the full-height concrete fluted columns. The second level door was converted to a window. The alterations also included a one-story addition on the east. These changes lowered the integrity of the structure, but the general form and some of the details of its 19th century origins are still in place.

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Cook-Culler Farmstead
Adamstown
Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery Counties, and
Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Agricultural/Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930
Modern Period, A.D. 1930-Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Agriculture/Subsistence/animal facility/barn
Agriculture/Subsistence/agricultural outbuilding

Known Design Source: None

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Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☒ no**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Cook-Culler Farmstead

and/or common

2. Locationstreet & number 4133 Ballenger Creek Pike ☐ not for publicationcity, town Adams town ☒ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Eastalco Venture

street & number c/o Eastalco Aluminum Co.
5601 Manor Woods Road

telephone no.:

city, town Frederick state and zip code MD 21701

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 969

street & number 100 W. Patrick St. folio 71

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. F-1-212

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SECTION 7: Description:

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 4

The Cook-Culler Farmstead is an agricultural complex centered on a circa 1840 brick dwelling with extensive alterations in the early and mid 20th century in the form of a two-story columned portico and a one-story addition to the east elevation. The farmstead also includes a frame wagon shed, a frame bank barn, and a concrete block dairy barn and milk house among its contributing structures, as well as several non-contributing agricultural buildings. The farm is located on the east side of Ballenger Creek Pike about 0.1 mile north of the intersection of Manor Woods Road near Adamstown, Frederick County, Maryland. The group of buildings is located in open fields with a driveway running southeast from Ballenger Creek Pike. The principal elevation of the house faces south and the outbuildings are located east and north of the house. The property is currently unoccupied. Dates of the buildings were estimated from architectural details, historical maps, Thomas family genealogical records, and land records.

The dwelling has a three-bay elevation on the south dominated by the two-story portico with fluted concrete Doric columns. The brick exterior has been sandblasted and the revealed bond pattern is 5:1 American bond. The center entrance and the window openings have simple molded lintels and bulls'-eye corner blocks. The roof is standing seam metal. The pitch of the roof is unaltered, indicating that the roof was designed to extend over an open, full-height porch. The center bay of the second floor has an infilled section below the sill, showing that it was once a doorway or a jib window, probably opening on the second story level of the original porch. This upper level was removed when the columns were added. The present porch has a concrete base and deck with the columns on brick bases. The windows are 6/6 and the doorway has an eight-panel door and a plain transom. The west elevation has two bays with plain lintels at the openings, 6/6 sash, and two 2/2 attic windows. The east elevation is largely obscured by the one-story shed extension, which appears to have been built in the 1960's. It has german siding and a standing seam metal roof. A single exterior chimney rises on the east gable end of the main section with its base enclosed by the extension. The two-story rear wing dominates the north elevation of the house. It originally had an open two-story porch on the west elevation. The upper level remains open, with a scroll-sawn balustrade. The lower level has been enclosed with concrete block and has modern window sash. The interior of the house was not accessible for this survey.

Wagon shed: The wagon shed adjoins a non-contributing concrete block garage located immediately east of the house. The wagon shed appears to have been built about 1920 and has vertical siding and sliding vertical board doors on the north elevation. A shed extension on the east side also has a set of sliding doors.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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Specific dates c.1840-1940

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

SECTION 8: Significance:

The Cook-Culler Farmstead is minimally significant for the architecture of the dwelling, which shows by its corner blocks and shaped lintels and the infill below a second story window the evidence of its circa 1840 construction with a two-story porch. The appearance of the structure has been altered by sandblasting and the removal of the original porch and its replacement with modern fluted columns. The house was probably originally built by George Thomas, whose daughter Charlotte Thomas (1823-1904) married John W. Cook (died 1897) and received the farm from her mother in 1870. In 1905, John J. Culler (born 1858) purchased the farm from the estate of John and Charlotte Cook. Under his ownership, the farm achieved a high level of productivity, which was described in Williams & McKinsey's History of Frederick County in 1910:

"Mr. Culler is a progressive farmer who has worked hard and paid close attention to his business. His reward is financial success. His home, which is one of the most desirable farm properties in the county, is beautifully situated, well watered, and has fine meadows, and an excellent orchard. It is equipped with a comfortable two-story brick dwelling, a fine bank barn, and convenient outbuildings, all in excellent order. His scientific care has brought the land to a high state of cultivation."

The alterations appear to have taken place during the 1950's and 1960's while owned by George R. Bowers and Austin C. J. Wiles.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-1-212

Bond, Isaac. Map of Frederick County, 1858.

Land Records of Frederick County

Thomas, George Leicester. Genealogy of the Thomas Family. Privately published, 1954.

Titus, C.O., Atlas of Frederick County, 1873.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 10 acresQuadrangle name Buckeystown, Maryland-VirginiaQuadrangle scale 1:24000UTM References do NOT complete UTM referencesA

Zone	Easting			Northing					

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 10 acres centered on the dwelling on Tax Map 94, Parcel 3.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyororganization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date August 1993street & number 12 E. Church St. telephone 696-2958city or town Frederick state MD 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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7.1 Description (Continued)

Bank barn: The frame bank barn is located northeast of the house. It may have a rebuilt upper structure on a 19th century stone foundation. The vertical siding and corrugated metal roof appear to be in better condition than the apparent date of the foundation, based on its stonemasonry. The north elevation has sliding doors to the barn floor, and the stall level on the south side has been enclosed with concrete block. Several non-contributing concrete block sheds adjoin the barn on the south and east.

Dairy barn and milk house: The rusticated concrete block dairy barn and adjoining milk house may have been built in the late 1930's or early 1940's. The upper frame structure has a gambrel roof with metal ventilators along the ridge. A non-contributing concrete silo adjoins the milk house.

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9.1 Major Bibliographical References (Continued)

Williams, T.J.C., and Folger McKinsey. History of Frederick County, 1910.
Reprinted Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1979; 1207, 1364, 1488.

Lot Size, Description,
Other Information,
Original Tracts

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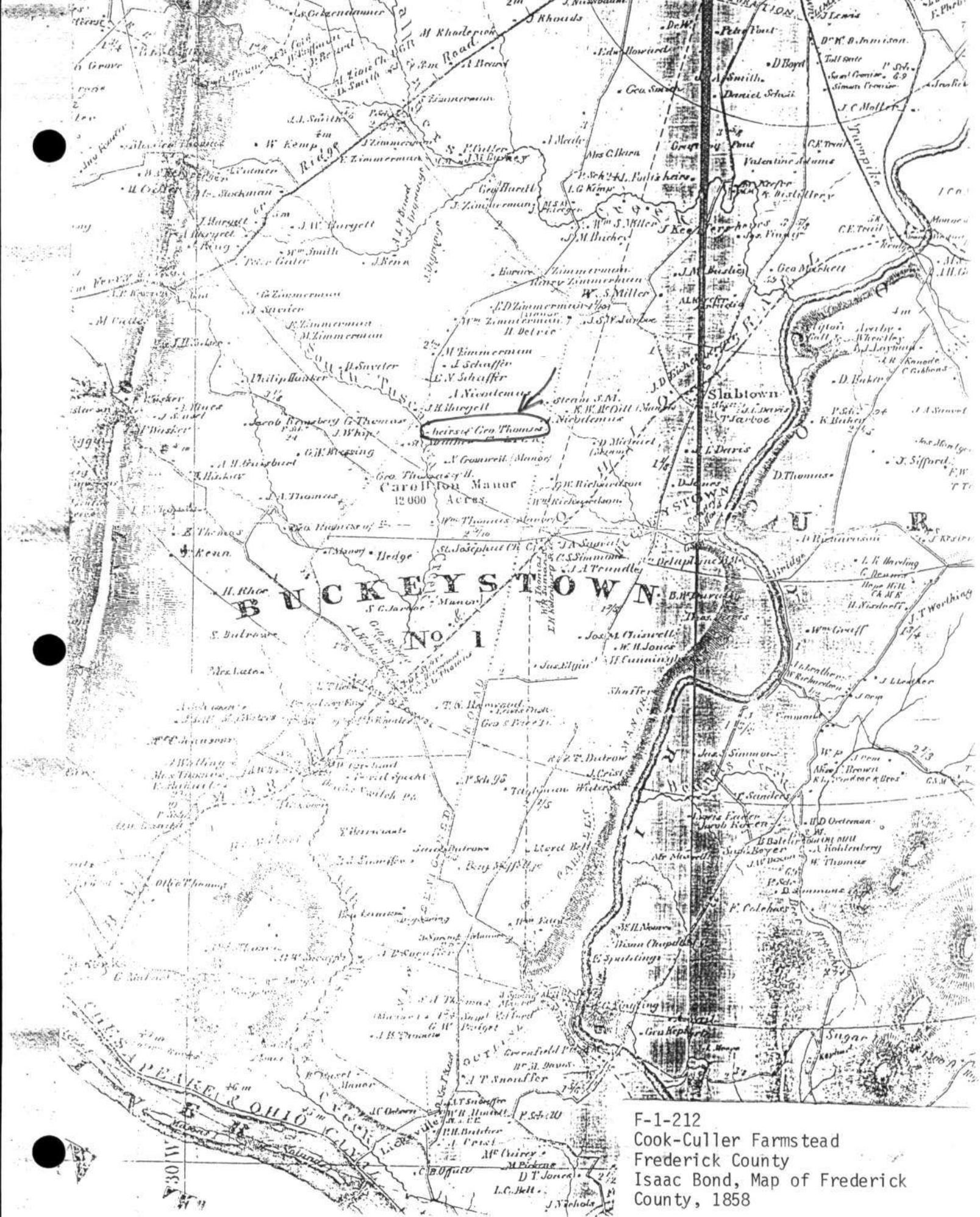
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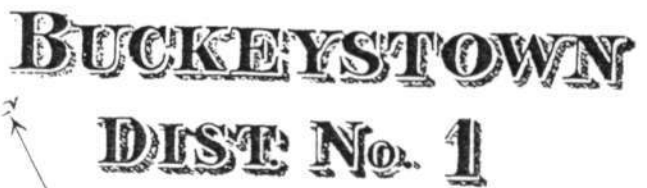
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444/142 30 Sept 44	George R. Bowers et ux	H. Kieffer De Lauter			
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386/411 31 Mar 33	George R. Bowers	Annie E. Culler et al. heirs of John J. Culler	171A., 17 p.		
269/167 9 Jan 05	John J. Culler	Charles R. Thomas, exec. of LWT of John W. Cook, dec. & Charlotte S. Cook, dec.	171A., 17 p.	\$13,688.50	
JLS 14/392 6 Oct 1896	Charlotte J. Cook	John W. Cook	2nd parcel or farm 175A., 30 p., saving out 3A., 25 p. conveyed to St. Matthews Reformed Congregation		
CM 4/483 1 Feb 1870	John W. Cook	Charles H. & Franklin C. Thomas, heirs of N. M. H. Thomas	175A., 30 p.	\$3,080.07	
CM 4/647 17 Feb 1870	John W. Cook	George P. Thomas et al. heirs of Charlotte Thomas	part of "Addition to Carrollton" 175A., 30 p.	\$800.37	



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Frederick County
Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick
County, 1858

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BUCKEYSTOWN
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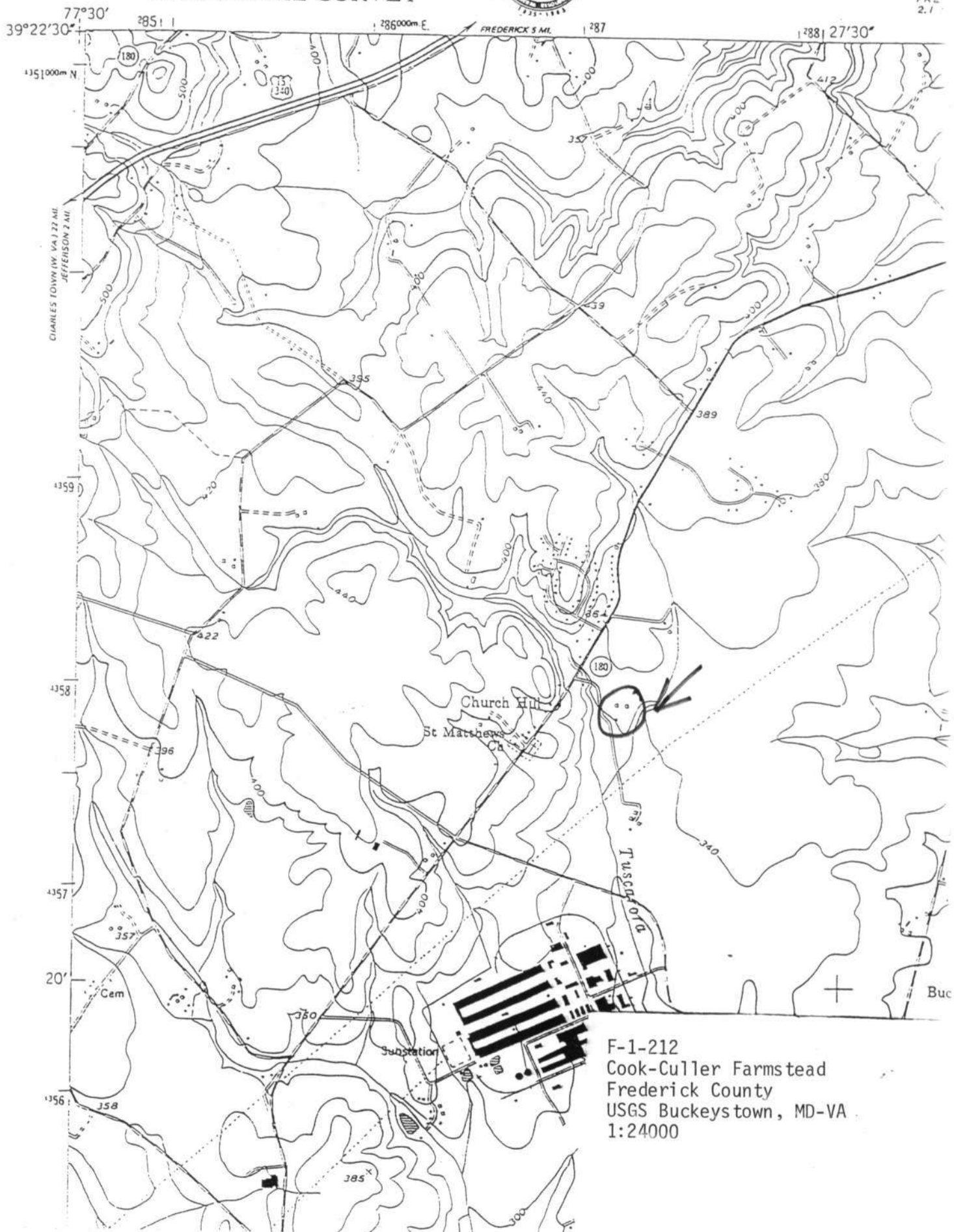


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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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Cook-Culler Farmstead

Frederick County

Photo: Janet Davis

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

South elevation

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Photo: Janet Davis

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

North elevation

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Cook - Culler Farmstead

Frederick County

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Wagon shed, north elevation

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

Dairy barn & milk house, South elevation

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